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"Producers and veterinarians can agree that a strong relationship is critical for success in animal health and when done right, can be rewarding for all involved."



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Are Your Protocols Still Working for You?



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When was the last time you sat down with your herd vet and reviewed your farm protocols?

Protocols for treatments, reproduction, and routine jobs like dehorning or dry-off are a big part of keeping your herd healthy and your day running smoothly. When they're working well, they save time, reduce costs, and make life easier for everyone on the farm.

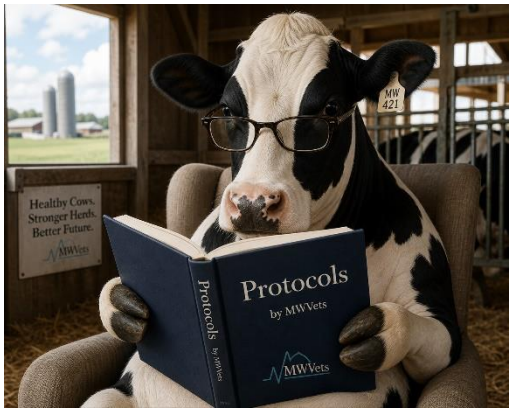
But as your farm changes, your protocols should too.

Why It's Worth Reviewing Them

Going over your protocols more regularly can pay off in a few key ways:

- ✓ You might find newer products that work better
- ✓ There may be cheaper or more practical options available
- ✓ Protocols can be updated to match current best practices
- ✓ Small changes can make jobs quicker and easier to get done
- ✓ You can check if protocols are actually working as expected
- ✓ It helps catch situations where protocols aren't being followed consistently
- ✓ Can by followed easily by all members of your farm team

One Size Doesn't Fit All



Every farm is different. The "best" protocol isn't always the most advanced—it's the one that gets done right, every time, on your farm. Protocol drift is a costly mistake.

Things like time, labour, handling facilities, and cost all matter. If a protocol looks good on paper but doesn't fit your daily routine, it's probably not going to work long-term.

That's where your input matters. If something feels too complicated, too slow, or just doesn't fit, let us know.

Examples of Simple Changes That Can Make a Difference

- ✓ Switching to a different teat sealant to lower cost per tube but performs the same
- ✓ Adding better pain control for dehorning, castration, or other procedures
- ✓ Double-checking dosing to avoid under- or overdosing
- ✓ Updating calf feeding protocols to meet current ProAction requirements
- ✓ Using multi-dose syringes to speed up vaccinations and treatments

What Makes a Good Protocol?

Good protocols are:

- ✓ Simple and easy for anyone on the farm to follow
- ✓ Clear on what to do, including details such as:
  - Which animals to treat
  - Dose and product
  - How and when to give it
  - How long to treat
  - Withdrawal times
- ✓ Cost-effective
- ✓ Easy to find in the barn when you need them
- ✓ Built to fit into your normal routine or herd health schedule

Let's Take a Look Together

At MWVS, we're always happy to review protocols with you, whether it's a full herd review or just one area that's been frustrating.

If something isn't working, there's usually a way to improve it. Even small tweaks can make a noticeable difference in time, cost, and results.

Give us a call or mention it at your next herd visit, we would be glad to help.

